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C. Wesley Lyons,

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COUNTY OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS

Patrick J. Greene, Chairman	Dover
Paul J. Durnin, Clerk	Dover
Louis S. Bergeron	Rochester

ATTORNEY

Robert A. Carignan	Rochester

SHERIFF

Wilfred J. Pare	Somersworth

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Richard H. Keefe	Dover

JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT

Errol S. Hall	Farmington

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Ethel G. Waldron	Dover

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Marjorie E. Holmes	Dover

TREASURER

C. Wesley Lyons (Jan.-Dec. 16)	Rochester
Thomas K. Davenhall (Dec. 23-Dec. 31)	Farmington

MEDICAL REFEREE

George C. McGregor, M.D.	Durham

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY HOME AND JAIL

Harold E. Flower (January-March)	Barrington
Arthur F. Hughes (April-December)	Dover

MATRON

Addie M. Flower (January-March)	Barrington
Margaret E. Hughes (April-December)	Dover

CHAPLAINS

Rev. Gerard Beaudet		Dover
Rev. Raymond A. Gay	(Jan-March)	Rochester
Rev. Harry Richardson	(April-July)	Barrington
Rev. Donald Macomber	(Oct.-Dec.)	Somersworth

PHYSICIAN

John L. Hartigan, M.D.	Rochester

AUDITORS

Gilman H. Twombly	(January-March)	Dover
Joseph E. Grimes	(April-December)	Dover
Raymond V. Jones Jr.		Rochester

STRAFFORD COUNTY DELEGATION

1959

Dorothy B. Berry	Barrington
*Alice F. Blanchette	Ward 1 Dover
Max W. Leighton	Ward 1 Dover
*Guy M. Wiggin	Ward 1 Dover
J. Hector Desjardins	Ward 2 Dover
Frank J. Grimes	Ward 2 Dover
*Thomas C. Dunnington	Ward 3 Dover
Philip T. Stonemetz	Ward 3 Dover
Philip E. Calcutt	Ward 4 Dover
William E. Colbath	Ward 4 Dover
Harriett W. B. Richardson	Ward 4 Dover
Emmett J. Flanagan	Ward 5 Dover
Laurence A. Bevan	Durham
Jeremiah A. Chase	Durham
*Albert D. Littlehale	Durham
Robert B. Drew	Farmington
*George Gilman	Farmington
Herman A. Randall	Lee
Warren H. Reid	Milton
Idanelle T. Moulton	New Durham
Ernest L. Rolfe	Ward 1 Rochester
Winifred E. Hartigan	Ward 2 Rochester
*Fred Maxfield	Ward 2 Rochester
Sumner W. Watson	Ward 3 Rochester
Alphonse Lacasse	Ward 4 Rochester
*Angeline M. St. Pierre	Ward 4 Rochester
Harry S. Johnson	Ward 5 Rochester
*Arnold T. Clement	Ward 6 Rochester
Edgar G. Varney	Ward 6 Rochester
Joseph E. Boisvert	Rollinsford
Sarkis N. Maloomian	Ward 1 Somersworth
Napoleon A. Habel	Ward 2 Somersworth
*Clovis J. Cormier	Ward 3 Somersworth

Arthur J. Vincent	Ward 4 Somersworth
James F. Malley	Ward 5 Somersworth
*Albert H. Brown	Strafford

*Executive Committee

Delegates to the County Convention

Donald Francouer	Middleton
Dorothy L. Wentworth	Madbury

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE STRAFFORD COUNTY DELEGATION FOR THE YEAR 1959

Executive Committee Meeting

February 20, 1959

This meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order on February 20, at the Strafford County Court House, at approximately 2:00 p.m. The following answered the Roll: Dunnington, Wiggin, Littlehale, Gilman, Maxfield, St. Pierre, Clement.

Mrs. Waldron was asked about the new forms required by the State. Mr. Clement suggested that the new forms be used only after the present supply was exhausted. Mr. Gilman checked and found that the new forms are to be effective as of July 1, 1959.

Mr. Brown explained the background of the Cooperative Extension Service. No one seemed to know just how this organization operated. Mr. Littlehale is the Delegation Representative.

Angie St. Pierre suggested that the Employees' Retirement and Old Age Survivors' Insurance be separated on the budget. Mrs. Wilkinson said the State lists these two together, but will be separated on the County Budget.

There being no further discussion on the matter the meeting was adjourned.

PAUL J. DURNIN
Clerk pro tem

Public Hearing

February 27, 1959

A Public Hearing was held in the Strafford County Court Room, Court House Dover on February 27 at 7:30 p.m. to review the Proposed Budget for Strafford County for 1959.

Hearing began at approximately 7:30 with Chairman, Thomas C. Dunnington, presiding. The following members of the County Delegation were present: Bevan, Calcutt, Chase, Colbath, Drew, Dunnington, Flanagan, Grimes, Littlehale, Leighton, Maloomian, Randall, Richardson, Stonemetz, Vincent, Watson and Wiggin. Also present were the County Commissioners, Greene, Durnin, and Bergeron. There were approximately 15 spectators.

Each item in the proposed budget was brought up and open for discussion.

Mr. Greene, Chairman of the County Commissioners, suggested that the Delegation visit the County Home and Jail to look over the conditions. The statements about the jail were prompted by a question from Walter Keays, who inquired of Harold Flower, Supt. of the Farm, Jail and House of Correction why toilets had never been installed in the cells since they had been recommended by the State Board of Health in 1906. Supt. Flower replied that officials had recommended that something be done each year, but to this year, there has been no modernization since the jail was built in 1907.

Chairman of the evening, Thomas C. Dunnington corroborated Flower's answer by stating that

over the years there have been many committees set up to deal with these problems but they have solved nothing. He noted that the Jail and House of Correction are in deplorable shape.

There was no question raised during the review of the general government salaries. The reason for the estimated increase of about $800 in the office of Register of Deeds over what was spent in 1958 was said to be for a reserve fund to be used for indexing. This was explained by Mrs. Marjorie Holmes who holds that office.

The increase in nearly $2,500 for the Register of Probate was explained as funds to buy new forms. The increased expense for running Superior Court is $1,000 for reindexing and $2,000 for forms and books.

The $115,000 asked for to operate the County Farm was described by Supt. Flower as a conservative estimate. He said that the cost to the taxpayers to run the farm has steadily decreased because the institution has reached the saturation point with a full house in 1958. He added that some 25 to 50 people were turned away in 1958.

The $4,200 special appropriation for the County Farm is to go toward an $1,800 station wagon ambulance, kitchen range, steam jacket, mechanical lift and to close in a wind-swept piazza and tar the road surrounding the place.

The figure of $14,000 for old age assistance and aid to the totally disabled is the same amount requested for the former service in 1958 as the two

have now been combined. Board and care of children have risen because there are now 95 instead of 75 youngsters to care for.

Welfare administration has risen $800 because a girl is now working full-time. Higher interest on temporary loans account for $500. The contingent fund remains at $1,500 as it has not been touched for two years.

County Agent, Dan Adams, said that the increase in the cooperative Extension Service item is due to stockpiling supplies, increasing salaries for this work in which New Hampshire ranks 46th for a full-time forester.

A special appropriation of $200 to get the Sheriff an addition to his radio set to stop jambing was explained by Commissioner Durnin, by pointing out that interference with taxi cab radios frequently occurs.

All of these increases add up to an estimated expenditure of $15,332 over what was actually spent in 1958. The cash surplus of $12,331.22 estimated for 1959 would be cut to $2,900 when the December bills were paid. Budget revenue to be raised by county tax is up $27,000 over last year.

Chairman Greene said that the budget is a credit to the bookkeepers, is estimated in its entirety, and to the last penny and there are no miscellaneous items in it.

As there being no further questions, the hearing closed at 8:15 p.m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

PAUL J. DURNIN,
Clerk pro tem

Strafford County Delegation Meeting

April 6, 1959

This meeting of the Strafford County Delegation, together with the Strafford County Commissioners and other County Officials was called to order by Chairman, Thomas C. Dunnington, presiding. The following members of the delegation were present: Wiggin, Dunnington, Stonemetz, Calcutt, Colbath, Bevan, Littlehale, Reid, Moulton, Rolfe, Maxfield, Watson, St. Pierre, Johnson, Clement, Varney, Boisvert, Maloomian, Vincent, Cormier, Malley, Brown, Wentworth.

Other County Officials present were: Mrs. Mary E. Cheney, Welfare Worker, Mrs. Marjorie Holmes, Register of Deeds, C. Wesley Lyons, County Treasurer, Harold Flower, former Superintendent, Arthur Hughes, Superintendent, Dan Adams and Guy Angell from the University of New Hampshire, who are County Representatives on the Farm Bureau Extension Services.

Under new business, the first item to be taken up was the appointment of Mr. Littlehale of Durham, to serve as Representative to the County Extension Board. Appropriate motions were made and seconded with no votes to the contrary.

A three man Advisory Committee to act as liaison between the Delegation and the Commissioners were appointed by Mr. Dunnington after the adjournment of the meeting. The members of this Committee, all members of the Executive Committee, are: Guy Wiggin of Dover, Chairman, Albert

Brown of Strafford and Clovis J. Cormier of Somersworth.

Under un-finished business the ever present problem of Re-Indexing was again discussed. On March 18, 1957 on motion made by Mr. Clement, a Committee of Three (Dunnington, Clement, and St. Pierre) were appointed to investigate and study this ever-present problem of re-indexing. Much time and effort was spent on this project by Committee Members and a report of their activities and studies was read by Mrs. St. Pierre. It was disclosed to those present that these members travelled to several other Counties, interviewed the Register of Deeds, and studied the methods of operation in the Counties of Hillsborough, Grafton, Rockingham as well as York County in Maine. Following the reading of this explanatory report, Mr. Dunnington then introduced Mr. Richard Bradley of the Remington Rand Company, who spoke in detail about the advantages to be gained by installing the Remington Rand Visible Re-Indexing System as set up by his Company. He thoroughly explained to the Delegation the methods and procedures and equipment used in this system which would greatly ease the task of re-indexing and greatly cut future costs. A pre-preliminary estimate of the cost of re-indexing for the years 1941-1948 would be between $18,000 - $20,000, the Company doing the work and guaranteeing the results, under a binding Contract. It was suggested that the years 1949 - 1958, being in fairly good condition, would not be done by Remington Rand, as the cost would be prohibitive.

An additional cost of $5,000 to cover the cost of installing a visible re-index system which would

make the present system of file cards obsolete. It would greatly reduce the margin of error and practically eliminate re-indexing problems. The expense of re-indexing has been a continual cost factor in the preparation of County Budgets for many years. It was later agreed to add $10,000 to be appropriated to the Contingency Fund, making it a total of $35,000 for the express purpose of defraying re-indexing costs.

The next item on the Agenda was the discussion and final approval of the amended Budget for 1959. Albert Brown of Strafford read each item on the Budget, after which a discussion followed. The Contingency Fund was increased from $1500.00 to $35,000.00, $12,000 of which is ear-marked for re-indexing expense. It was also voted to pay for the 1959 audit by the State Tax Commission and to pay for additional insurance premiums for 1959 for this Fund. The Expense Portion of the Budget was accepted as amended. Under the Expenditures Portion of the Budget, the appropriation for the County Farm was cut from $115,000 to $100,000 as well as a Special Appropriation item in the amount of $4,-200.00. However, because the Contingency Fund was increased from $1500 to $35,000., necessary expenditures could now be charged to this Fund. The Sources of Revenue Portion of the Budget, as amended, was accepted and approved. On Roll Call vote, the entire Budget, as amended, was accepted and approved—21 yes, 1—no. The lone dissenter—Watson—Rochester.

Prior to the approval of the entire budget, a discussion ensued relative to the increase in the a-

mount requested for insurance premiums. It was explained by Commissioners Greene and Durnin, that all county policies are written on a three year basis ... this year, quite like 1956, being the renewal year for a bulk of the policies. Some of the members of the delegation were under the impression that the Commissioners were cancelling insurance policies before the expiration dates and placing the coverage elsewhere. Commissioner Paul J. Durnin explained to the group that this definitely was not the case. Policies only on the expiration dates, were occasionally placed elsewhere in order to distribute the County Insurance business with several agencies throughout the County. The Commissioners were authorized to pay the additional premiums due this year, which were not considered in the figure originally presented for the Budget, from the Contingency Fund. The Commissioners assured the Delegation that insurance policies were never cancelled prior to the date of expiration in order to place the business elsewhere.

IMPORTANT STIPULATION relative to the CONTINGENCY FUND made with the approval of the Delegation is as follows: Any amount in excess of $500.00 expended from the Contingency Fund must have the approval of the majority of the Delegation—anything up to and including $500.00 must have the approval of the Executive Committee only.

On motion made and seconded, it was voted that a Resolution of Appreciation be drawn up and forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Flower who have been the Superintendent and Matron of the Home for the past twenty-seven months. Mr. Flower gave a brief resume of the accomplishments and improvements made at the Home during his tenure.

On motion made by Mr. Boisvert and seconded by Mr. Bevan, it was voted to present the 1960 Budget in three Columns, on one Sheet, rather than as of previous years, in order to facilitate comparison. This will enable the Legislators to see at a glance the proposed expenditures and actual expenditures of the previous year and the estimated figures for the present year.

On motion made by Mr. Bevan and seconded by Mr. Clement it was voted that the Commissioners submit to the Chairman of the Delegation, an Organizational Outline of the pay-roll Personnel at the Farm. This resume is to contain the name, salary and a brief job description of each employee. Sufficient copies are to be presented to the Chairman so that he may distribute a copy to each member of the Delegation upon their request for same.

At 4:20 a motion was made by Mr. Malley and seconded by Mr. Brown, to adjourn. With no further business to come before the meeting, and with no contrariwise voices heard, Chairman Dunnington duly adjourned the meeting.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

ALICE D. SHEAHAN,
Clerk pro tem

Advisory Committee Meeting

April 20, 1959

On Monday, April 20, 1959 at ten o'clock a.m. Patrick J. Greene, Chairman, Board of County Com-

missioners called to order a Meeting of the Board of Commissioners together with the Advisory Committee of the Strafford County Legislative Delegation. The members of this Advisory Committee were appointed by Thomas C. Dunnington, Chairman, Strafford County Delegation on April 6, 1959 are as follows: Guy Wiggin, Dover, N. H.

Albert Brown, Strafford, N. H.

Clovis Cormier, Somersworth, N. H.

All members of the above Committee were present as were all the Commissioners.

On the recommendation of Mr. E. A. Adams and Guy Angell of the Strafford County Cooperative Extension it was agreed to act favorably on the following recommendations, where feasible:

(1) Surplus milk, not needed by the Institution, is now being sold.

(2) Feed bags will be accounted for and returned for cash refund.
Bulk feeding will be investigated.

(3) Suitable racks will be made on which to stack grain—everything possible will be done to control rats.

(4) Surplus hay will be sold as quickly as possible —same will be advertised.

(5) The purchase of a "hay conditioner" will be taken under consideration by the Commissioners, realizing this would help in the harvest of the forage crop.

(6) Highly recommended shifting the livestock cattle to an all dairy herd—the doing away with the beef cattle. The meat should be used by the Institution. With an all dairy herd, culi and male animals would be available for the meat supply. The tie-up is still not suitable for the dairy herd—act on this earliest date possible.

(7) A check should be made to see what materials are available through the Civil Defense Organization. This will be done at the earliest date possible.

(8) The Board of Commissioners will sincerely try to see that there is a better "working relationship" of the Personnel at "Riverside," particularly between the Superintendent and the Boss Farmer.

(9) Personnel at "Riverside" will be instructed to maintain complete records on all transactions relating to "Riverside."

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Adams and Mr. Angell, also present at this meeting, for their kindness and assistance and look forward to an administration where much good can be accomplished in following the advice of these men who are so advanced in the field of Agriculture and relating subjects.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

ALICE D. SHEAHAN,
Clerk pro tem

Executive Committee Meeting

May 4, 1959

Thomas C. Dunnington called to order a Meeting of the Strafford County Delegation, together with the Strafford County Commissioners at approximately 1:30 p.m. on the afternoon of May 4, 1959 in the Strafford County Court House for the purpose of going over a Comparative Cost Statement on the operation of the County for the first quarter of 1959.

The following Delegation Members answered the Roll: Dunnington, Blanchette, Wiggin, Maxfield, St. Pierre, Clement, Cormier, Brown, Littlehale.

The three County Commissioners were also present at this meeting.

In the temporary absence of the Clerk of the Delegation, Mrs. Alice Blanchette, upon appropriate motion, acted as Clerk. However, shortly after the opening of the Meeting, Mrs. St. Pierre arrived and thereon took over her duties.

Under Unfinished Business, Mr. Dunnington presented to the group, three copies of a Binding Contract between the County and the Remington Rand Company, covering the cost and work involved in re-indexing the records of the Register of Deeds for Strafford County for the period January 1, 1941 to December 31, 1948, at a cost of $18,934., to complete job to be guaranteed. The second portion of the re-indexing problem is not quite settled—that being the installation of the Remington Rand Visible Re-Indexing System. There is a question

as to whether or not the equipment now in use in the office of the Registrar (typewriters) can be adjusted to take the snap-on platen attachment necessary for the processing of the new type card. If not, it had been suggested that the IBM Electric Typewriter now in use in the Registry be turned over to another Court House office in need of same, the older typewriter in that respective office turned in as a trade to Remington Rand and a new Remington Rand Electric Typewriter, with necessary attachments, purchased. The cost of the installation of the system with supply of cards sufficient for one year would be approximately $4168.20, varying according to the decision on the purchase of the new electric Remington Rand typewriter to be used in conjunction with the new System. This portion of the project is not yet in Contract form. Three copies of the Contract in the amount of $18,-934 were left for the signatures of the three County Commissioners. The entire cost of this particular indexing project is to be spread over a two-year period.

Under new business the Expenditure and Income for the first Quarter of 1959 were reviewed and compared with appropriations for the same period and also with the same period of one year ago. Each item was read and discussed in detail. After this discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Wiggin to accept and approve the quarterly budget as presented. There were no contrawise votes and it was declared a vote by unanimous approval.

Commissioner Greene spoke to the group asking for their cooperation and pledging the support.

of the Commissioners in working for the betterment of County Government.

At 3.35 p.m. Mr. Dunnington entered a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Mr. Littlehale and carried after Members were advised that they would be notified by mail of the next meeting date.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

ALICE D. SHEAHAN,
Clerk pro tem

Strafford County Legislative Delegation Meeting
Room 306
Concord, New Hampshire

September 8, 1959

This meeting of the Strafford County Delegation was called to order at 12:30, by Chairman Dunnington, with the following members present: Berry, Leighton, Wiggin, Grimes, Dunnington, Stonemetz, Colbath, Richardson, Flanagan, Bevan, Chase, Littlehale, Drew, Gilman, Randall, Reid, Moulton, Rolfe, Hartigan, Maxfield, Watson, St. Pierre, Johnson, Varney, Habel, Cormier, Vincent, Brown.

Motion made by Mr. Stonemetz, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, that the Delegation approve of the sum $2635.00 taken from the Contingency Fund to pay the purchase of, Ford Station Wagon, Steam Kettle and Gas Range.

Roll Call followed:

YES-23

Berry, Leighton, Wiggin, Grimes,
Dunnington, Stonemetz, Colbath,
Richardson, Flanagan, Bevan, Chase,
Littlehale, Gilman, Randall, Reid,
Moulton, Hartigan, St. Pierre, Varney
Habel, Cormier, Vincent, Brown.

NO-5

Drew, Rolfe, Maxfield, Watson, Johnson.

Motion made by Mr. Colbath, seconded by Mr. Stonemetz that, $12,000.00 be taken from the Contingent fund and set up the same as a line item budget for re-indexing purposes—and further that the County Commissioners be advised that no further expenditures will be made using funds from the Contingency fund without prior authority from the Executive Committee or the County Delegation.

Roll Call followed:

YES-22

Leighton, Wiggin, Grimes,
Dunnington, Stonemetz, Colbath,
Richardson, Flanagan, Bevan,
Littlehale, Gilman, Reid, Moulton,
Watson, St. Pierre, Varney, Habel,
Cormier, Vincent, Brown, Rolfe, Maxfield.

NO-1

Hartigan

Motion made by Mr. Bevan and seconded by Mr. Leighton that the Delegation Chairman, OUTLINE THE RELATIONSHIP between the Board of

Commissioners, Executive Committee of the Delegation, the County Delegation and special advisary Committee, and that a copy of these resolutions and outlines be given to every delegation member, This was moved unanimously.

Mr. Cormier moved to adjourn at 1:45.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

Executive Committee Meeting

October 26, 1959

Chairman, Thomas C. Dunnington called to order a Meeting of the Strafford County Delegation, together with the Strafford County Commissioners at approximately 10:00 a.m. on October 26, 1959 in the Strafford County Court House for the purpose of going over a Comparative Cost Statement on the operation of the County for the first nine months of 1959.

The Following Delegation Members answerd the Roll: Dunnington, Littlehale, Maxfield, Clement, Wiggin, Gilman, St. Pierre, Cormier.

The three County Commissioners were also present.

The Expenditures and Income for the first nine months of 1959 were reviewed and compared with appropriations for the same period, and also compared with the same period of one year ago.

Each item was read and discussed in detail. After discussion, several questions were asked.

Mr. Clement brought up the two following questions. The first related to the Fire Insurance on the County Home and its properties. The Delegation wished to know the coverages and total premiums on such. Mr. Dunnington suggested that a list be drawn up, listing the names of the different policies, their amount of coverage, and the premiums regarding them. Mr. Greene stated that there were only minor changes regarding insurance.

Mr. Clement also stated that the expenses at the County Home were extremely higher than last year, and he thought this was not necessary. Mr. Hughes explained that the prices of every thing involved, such as food, fuel and also labor had risen. Also, Mr. Durnin brought out the fact that the taxes for the Home were paid in September instead of October. This would add a great deal to the amount of expenses.

Mr. Dunnington stated that an estimate should be obtained from Mr. Littlefield of the Fire Department, showing the total amount of damage caused by a fire which had taken place at the County Home. After the statement was acquired, work could begin on the sections involved in the fire

Mr. Cormier spoke of the sanitary conditions of the Jail. He felt that showers should be added, and a set of lavatory equipment should be purchased. He said he visited the County Home and had not noticed any changes regarding the Jail. Mr. Hughes stated that repairs had been made, among them new uniforms for the turnkeys. This amounted

to $128.50. Mr. Greene mentioned that new locks had also been acquired.

The Executive Committee tabled the approval of the Nine Months Budget Figures until the Subcommittee of the Executive Committee reports back additional information for the increases at the County Home. Mr. Dunnington, Chairman, nominated a committee of Littlehale, Dunnington and Mrs. Blanchette to report to the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

Motion made by Mr. Littlehale and seconded by Mr. Wiggin.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

RITA L. DION,
Clerk pro tem

Executive Committee Meeting

December 31, 1959

Chairman, Thomas C. Dunnington called to order a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Strafford County Delegation, together with the Strafford County Commissioners at approximately 10:30 a.m. on December 31, 1959 in the Strafford County Court House for the purpose of going over a Comparative Cost Statement on the operation of the County for the year 1959.

The following members answered the Roll: Dunnington, Cormier, Wiggin, Littlehale, Maxfield, Brown, St. Pierre. The three County Commissioners and County Treasurer were also present.

The Expenditures and Income for the year 1959 were reviewed, and each item was read and discussed in detail.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown, and seconded Mr. Littlehale, that money taken out of the Contingent Fund should not exceed $500 to pay for repairs on the Women's porch and steps at the County Home.

Treasurer, Thomas K. Davenhall, suggested that $225,000 be borrowed immediately in anticipation of taxes to be collected. Motion made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Wiggin, that the Treasurer borrow $225,000 in anticipation of taxes to be collected.

Motion made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Littlehale, that the over-expenditures on the Budget of the County Farm and Superior Court be approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Littlehale, to approve the County Commissioners Budget for 1959 as presented.

At 1:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. With no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Dunnington duly adjourned the meeting.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

RITA L. DION,
Clerk pro tem

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1959

General Government	
Salaries	
Commissioners	$ 4,500.00
Treasurer	500.00
Auditors	200.00
Attorney	2,500.00
Medical Referee	1,500.00
Sheriff	2,000.00
Expenses of above officers	6,900.00
Register of Deeds	3,600.00
Register of Probate	4,000.00
Care and supplies for Court House	7,500.00
Superior Court	44,000.00
Special Reindexing	1,000.00
Publice Welfare	
County Farm	100,000.00
Surplus Foods	1,100.00
Support of poor off farm	28,000.00
Old age assistance	11,500.00
Board and care of children	42,000.00
Soldiers' aid	6,000.00
Aid to totally disabled	1,900.00
Welfare administration	7,800.00
Interest	
On temporary loans	3,974.44
On bonds	1,190.50
Indebtedness	
Bonds	14,000.00
County Reports	300.00
Contingent Fund	35,000.00
Tax anticipation notes expense	130.00
O.A.S.I. and Employees' Retirement	4,000.00

County extension service	16,355.96
Insurance	6,200.00
Delegation expense	400.00
Special Appropriations	
Sheriff, secretarial expense	500.00
Attorney, secretarial expense	600.00
Sheriff, Radio expense	200.00
	$359,350.90

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR YEAR 1959

To the Citzens of Strafford County:

As required by Statute, the Commissioners of Strafford County submit herewith, the report of the various County Officials for the year ending December 31, 1959.

As of December 31, 1959 the County had a surplus of $19,166,23, and Board and Care of Children expenditure was $40,737.40 and actual income was $10,626.16.

The year 1959 has been a most unusual year; in fact the most unusual year in the history of the County, wherein we had three murders committed in the County, two of which were tried and completed in 1959.

Bessie Hayes, a long and trusted employee at the County Home passed away during the year, "Bessie" as we all knew her, worked as a bookkeeper for many years.

George O. Tasker, who worked as an engineer and maintenance supervisor for Strafford County for over twenty-six years, also went to his Eternal Reward. No man who ever served the County was more respected than Mr. George Tasker, and his passing was of great sorrow to all who knew him.

Another member of our official family, our County Treasurer, the beloved C. Wesley Lyons, passed away, and his untimely death brought grief and sorrow not only to the people of Strafford

County, but to all of New Hampshire. To give a very brief sketch of his background, was a Governor's Councilor, and was returned as Mayor of Rochester seven times. Speaking for myself, as Chairman, I can only repeat that to know C. Wesley Lyons was to love him.

The Riverside Rest Home, formerly known as the Strafford County Home, is managed by Superintendent Arthur Hughes and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have, in the opinion of everyone who has visited the Home in the past year, done a very commendable job in every phase of the operation of the Home.

There has been a new automatic stove installed, a new steamer for the kitchen, the porch is under renovation and will be completed soon. They have some 85 head of cattle, of which about 40 are producing a good quantity of milk. In 1959 most of this cattle were just starting to produce, but 1960 should be a big year as far as income of milk production is concerned. There was purchased in 1959 a new Beach Wagon for County use, a Manure Spreader, and many other incidentals.

For the first time in the history of the County, there were new uniforms bought for the guards. Two locks were replaced. We were in hopes of replacing all of them, but that was all we could afford at that time. The locks in the prison are certainly out-dated and absolutely of no use.

It affords me great pleasure at this time, as your former Chairman, to thank all of the County workers for being so helpful to me during my short tenure of office. I know it has made my life a great deal richer for having known all of you,

and to my fellow Commissioners, Mr. Paul Durnin and Mr. Louis Bergeron, who were so helpful and willing at all times, I am deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK J. GREENE,
Chairman
PAUL J. DURNIN,
Clerk
LOUIS S. BERGERON
Strafford
County Commissioners

FINANCIAL REPORT — 1959

ASSETS

Cash on hand	$ 19,166.23
Accounts due County	5,695.49
Excess of liabilities over assets, bonds	44,000.00
	$ 68,861.72

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by County	
(December bills)	$ 13,382.96
Bonds outstanding	
County Home bonds	2,000.00
Improvement and repair bonds	42,000.00
	44,000.00
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	11,478.76
	$ 68,861.72

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1959 COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURES FOR SAME PERIOD

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Under Appropriation	Over Appropriation
Salaries of Officers	$ 9,700.00	$ 9,700.00	$	$
Medical Referee	1,500.00	1,227.10	272.90	
Expenses of Officers	6,900.00	6,757.59	142.41	
Register of Deeds	3,600.00	3,519.11	80.89	
Register of Probate	4,000.00	1,750.93	2,249.07	
Care and Supplies for Court House	7,500.00	7,586.44		86.44
Superior Court	44,000.00	52,790.95		8,790.95
Special Re-indexing	1,000.00	587.75	412.25	
County Farm	100,000.00	127,448.47		27,448.4[illegible]
Surplus Foods	1,100.00	897.50	202.50	
Support of Poor off Farm	28,000.00	23,189.27	4,810.73	
Old Age Assistance	11,500.00	10,835.11	664.89	
Board and Care of Children	42,000.00	40,737.40	1,262.60	
Soldiers' Aid	6,000.00	1,933.66	4,066.34	
Aid to Totally Disabled	1,900.00	2,283.84		383.84
Welfare Admin. Expense	7,800.00	7,423.16	376.84	
Interest on Temporary Loans	3,974.44	3,974.44		
Interest on Bonds	1,190.50	1,190.50		
Principal on Bonds	14,000.00	14,000.00		
County Reports	300.00	299.20	.80	

Contingent Fund	35,000.00	8,029.12	26,970.88	
Tax Antic. Notes Expense	130.00	135.81		5.81
State Audit		396.54		396.54
Employee Retirement and Social Security	4,000.00	3,640.94	359.06	
Cooperative Extension Service	16,355.96	16,355.96		
Insurance	6,200.00	6,422.80		222.80
Delegation Expense	400.00	467.20		67.20
Special Appropriations:				
Sheriff	500.00	500.00		
County Attorney	600.00	600.00		
Sheriff—Radio Expense	200.00	173.52	26.48	
	$ 359,350.90	$ 354,854.31	$ 41,898.64	$ 37,402.05

Appropriations for 1959	359,350.90
Expenditures for 1959	354,854.31
Under Appropriations	$ 4,496.59
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1959	$ 19,166.23

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Land and Buildings	
Court House	$ 144,000.00
Jail	22,583.00
County Farm	105,447.00
Furniture and Equipment	
Court House	21,000.00
Jail	2,552.00
County Farm	60,000.00
	$ 355,582.00

RECEIPTS — 1959

Current Revenue	
Taxes from Cities and Towns	$ 275,019.68
Invested Funds	1,729.58
Income from County Home	72,671.22
Reimbursement of expenditures for	
Direct Relief	512.74
Board and Care of Children	10,626.16
Soldiers' Aid	15.00
Surplus Foods	146.83
Old Age Assistance	303.17
Insurance	345.87
Fire Insurance	669.10
Court House Supplies	3.95
Refund to Sheriff's Dept. from U. S. Courts	66.30
Register of Deeds, used typewriter	125.00
Total receipts from all sources	$ 362,234.60
Cash on hand at beginning of year	$ 12,331.22
	$ 374,565.82

PAYMENTS — 1959

General Government	
Salaries	
Commissioners	$ 4,500.00
Treasurer	500.00
Auditors	200.00
Attorney	2,500.00
Medical Referee	1,227.10
Sheriff	2,000.00
Expenses of above officers	6,757.59
Register of Deeds	3,519.11
Register of Probate	1,750.93
Care and Supplies for Court House	7,586.44
Superior Court	52,790.95
Special Reindexing	587.75
Public Welfare	
County Farm	127,448.47
Surplus Foods	897.50
Support of poor off farm	23,189.27
Old Age Assistance	10,835.11
Board and care of children	40,737.40
Soldiers' aid	1,933.66
Aid to totally disabled	2,283.84
Welfare administration	7,423.16
Interest	
On temporary loans	3,974.44
On Bonds	1,190.50
Indebtedness	
Bonds	14,000.00
All other payments	
Cooperative Extension service	16,355.96
Insurance	6,422.80

Employees retirement and Social Sec.	3,640.94
Delegation Expense	467.20
County Reports	299.20
Tax Anticipation Notes Expense	135.81
State Audit	396.54
Special Appropriation Sheriff	500.00
Special Appropriation County Attorney	600.00
Special Appropriation — Sheriff — Radio Expense	173.52
Total Expenditures	$354,854.31

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, 1959

Expenses of Officers		
Commissioners Traveling Expense	$ 1,074.86	
Bond—Treasurer	116.00	
Treasurer's Traveling Expense	115.95	
County Attorney Expenses	616.21	
Bookkeeper's Salary	3,406.40	
Telephone	420.92	
Supplies	942.97	
Advertising	40.28	
Commissioners Association Dues	19.00	
Bond—Bookkeeper	5.00	
		$ 6,757.59
Register of Deeds		
Supplies	$ 508.15	
Telephone	234.45	
Photostat	1,838.65	
Bond	5.00	

F. W. Neal Company—Binding Records, Jackets	699.00	
IBM Business Machines—Service and Supplies	112.95	
E. H. Quimby Co.—Rolier Shelf Case	120.91	
		$ 3,519.11

Register of Probate		
Supplies	$ 1,045.46	
Telephone	236.95	
F. W. Neal Co. Probate Records	285.25	
Bond	23.13	
Probate Court Sessions	120.00	
International Business Machines Corp. Service	35.00	
Transportation	5.14	
		$ 1,750.93

Care and Supplies for Court House		
Janitor Salaries	$ 4,017.60	
Public Service—Lights	898.00	
Oil	1,754.77	
Repairs	145.70	
Supplies	487.07	
Water Bills	138.30	
Cleaning Court House Windows	145.00	
		$ 7,586.44

Superior Court		
Jury Payrolls	$ 10,230.60	
State vs. Payrolls	3,065.62	
Counsel Fees	1,495.50	
Masters Fees	442.38	

Stenographers		5,832.76	
Clerk of Superior Court			
Salary, Clerical hire, Supplies		13,523.48	
Sheriff and Deputies			
Supplies	303.41		
Telephone	473.02		
Films etc.,	31.27		
Radio, Checkup and Service	144.60		
Bonds	228.00		
Investigation and Travel	16,965.31		
Car Storage	50.00	18,200.61	
			$52,790.95
Welfare Administration			
Salaries of Case Worker and Secretary		$ 6,753.01	
Travel Expense—Case Worker		670.15	
			$ 7,423.16

DIRECT RELIEF, 1959

Dover	$ 10,255.52
Durham	663.54
Rochester	8,548.30
Somersworth	1,602.69
Farmington	871.75
Milton Mills	790.32
New Durham	457.15
	$ 23,189.27

SOLDIER'S AID, 1959

Dover	$ 918.97
Rochester	888.93
Somersworth	43.11
Farmington	20.00
Madbury	62.65
	$ 1,933.66

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, 1959

Old age assistance	$ 9,675.69
Old age assistance, alien	1,159.42
Aid to disabled	2,283.84
	$ 13,118.95

Old age assistance cases Strafford County pays 25% of each grant, plus Medical Pool. ($16.75)

On alien old age assistance County pays 50% of each grant under $65.00, 100% of total amount per case over $65.00 plus Medical Pool.

Aid to disabled County pays 35% of grant, plus Medical Pool. ($16.75).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of our County Treasurer, C. Wesley Lyons, who was so well known and respected, I herewith submit the following:

Cash balance December 31, 1959	$ 19,166.23

All taxes from both the Cities and Towns have been collected.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Court for their confidence in me by giving me the privilege of serving as your County Treasurer. Also, thanks to the County Officers for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS K. DAVENHALL
County Treasurer

COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 1959

County Treasurer's Account

Balance on Hand January 1, 1959	$ 12,331.22	
Receipts, Year Ending December 31, 1959	832,801.50	
	$845,132.72	
December 31, 1959	825,966.49	
Payments, Year Ending		
Balance, December 31, 1959 as per Cash Book		$ 19,166.23
Bal. in Merchants National Bank as per Statement of Dec. 31, 1959	$ 24,248.31	
Less: Outstanding Orders	5,082.08	
Reconciled Bank Balance As of Dec. 31, 1959		$ 19,166.23
Petty Cash, County Commissioners Office		
Jan. 1, 1959 $25.00		
Dec. 31, 1959 $25.00		

County Farm Superintendent's Account

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution, Year Ending, Dec. 31, 1959	$ 72,671.22
Total Remittances to County Treasurer, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1959	$ 72,671.22

Superintendent's Balance on Hand,		
January 1, 1959	$	100.00
Petty Cash		
December 31, 1959	$	100.00
Petty Cash		

Indebtedness—December 31, 1959

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes		None
Outstanding Long Term Notes		None
Outstanding Bonds	$	44,000.00
Bills Owed by County,		
December bills	$	13,382.96
County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities		None

Signed:

JOSEPH E. GRIMES
RAYMOND V. JONES JR.
County Auditors

STRAFFORD COUNTY

Apportionment of County Tax
1959

$275,019.68

	Proportion of Tax	Amount of Tax
Barrington	$ 16.50	$ 4,537.82
Dover	348.88	95,948.87
Durham	58.60	16,116.15
Farmington	34.13	9,386.42
Lee	12.38	3,404.74
Madbury	9.32	2,563.18
Middleton	3.04	836.06
Milton	26.91	7,400.78
New Durham	17.65	4,854.10
Rochester	283.52	77,973.58
Rollinsford	29.85	8,209.34
Somersworth	145.61	40,045.62
Strafford	13.61	3,743.02
	$ 1,000.00	$ 275,019.68

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

May 18, 1959

Board of County Commissioners
Strafford County
Dover, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 27, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, an examination and audit of the accounts of Strafford County for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1958, has been made by this Division. Submitted herewith is the report of the audit including Exhibits as hereafter listed. A statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes, covering a ten year period, is presented in Table I.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets:

December 31, 1957—December 31, 1959 (Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1957 and December 31, 1958, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein the Net Debt decreased by $4,904.61 in 1958.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decrease in Net Debt

Bonds Paid	$ 14,000.00	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	702.90	
Net Budget Surplus	12,331.22	
		$ 27,034.12

Increase in Net Debt

Decrease in Accounts Receivable	$ 3,699.76	
Surplus Used to Reduce County Tax	18,429.75	
		$ 22,129.51

Net Decrease

$ 4,904.61

Statement of Bonded Indebtedness: (Exhibit H)

A statement of bonded indebtedness as of December 31, 1958, showing annual debt service requirements, is contained in Exhibit H.

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits C and D)

Comparative Statements of appropriation and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1958, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a revenue surplus of $20,-018.65, less a net overdraft of appropriations of $7,687.43, resulted in a net budget surplus of $12,331.22.

Summary Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

A summary statement of the receipts and expenditures of the County, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1958, is presented in Exhibit E.

ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND TREASURER

All orders issued by the Commissioners and Clerk of the Superior Court during the fiscal year were examined and compared with corresponding entries in the Treasurer's records. Supporting invoices and payrolls were also examined and the classification of expenditures noted. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1958, is shown in Exhibit F.

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

The financial accounts and records of the Clerk

of Court of Strafford County were examined. Court receipts were checked by source, insofar as possible, and found to be properly recorded. Court orders issued by the Clerk were supported by invoices, vouchers and payrolls bearing the approval of a Superior Court Justice.

COUNTY FARM

The accounts and records of the Superintendent of the County Farm were examined. Receipts of the County Farm were checked by source through the triplicate receipt forms. All receipts, as recorded in the cash book, were properly accounted for by the Superintendent through remittances to the County Treasurer.

A summary statement of receipts and expenditures of the County Institutions for the year 1958 is presented in Exhibit G.

GENERAL COMMENTS

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1955, a copy of this report or a summary of its findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) should be published in the next annual report of the County. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the publication of Exhibits is optional.

The appreciation and thanks of this Division is hereby expressed to the officials of Strafford County

and their office staffs for the assistance rendered during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER
Director
Division of Municipal
Accounting
State Tax Commission

Edgar O. Pesquera, Auditor
Dumont W. Bailey, Accountant

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire
May 18, 1959

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Strafford County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1958. In our opinion the Exhibits presented herewith reflect the true financial condition of the County on December 31, 1958, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Edgar O. Pesquera, Auditor
Dumont W. Bailey, Accountant

TABLE I
STRAFFORD COUNTY
Ten Year Statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes
1948 -- 1958

Fiscal Year Ended:	Bonds Outstanding	Net Debt or * Surplus	Assessed Valuation	County Tax	Avg. County Tax Rate Per $100	Avg. State Tax Rate Per $100
Dec. 31, 1948		*$23,141.97	$49,473,904.00	$186,349.91	$4.39	$4.06
Dec. 31, 1949	$ 50,000.00	34,419.80	58,176,678.00	179,358.63	3.88	4.31
Dec. 31, 1950	65,000.00	55,817.97	60,586,485.00	198,445.51	3.90	4.31
Dec. 31, 1951	58,000.00	54,178.35	63,958,369.00	224,880.07	4.20	4.35
Dec. 31, 1952	51,000.00	23,520.55	65,148,363.00	242,297.35	4.44	4.52
Dec. 31, 1953	44,000.00	20,292.79	66,771,373.00	209,731.55	4.40	4.48
Dec. 31, 1954	37,000.00	16,734.25	66,818,431.00	209,548.79	4.69	4.64
Dec. 31, 1955	100,000.00	84,685.93	66,511,760.00	220,841.75	4.70	4.66
Dec. 31, 1956	86,000.00	76,451.25	71,613,041.00	237,647.22	4.91	4.83
Dec. 31, 1957	72,000.00	58,633.89	73,767,597.00	234,313.56	4.94	4.96
Dec. 31, 1958	58,000.00	53,729.28	77,686,359.00	233,810.15	5.26	5.15

STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME INVENTORY

Superintendent's Department:		
Office	$	500.00
Parlor		1,000.00
Kitchen		6,600.00
Dining Room		800.00
Sleeping Rooms		1,000.00
Sewing Room and Linen Closet		400.00
Linen Room		350.00
Residents—Men's Wing		
Dining Room		500.00
Reading Room		100.00
Barber Shop		100.00
Sleeping Rooms		3,000.00
Second Hand Clothing		100.00
Dispensary		1,800.00
Attic		200.00
Residents—Women's Wing:		
Dining Room		592.00
Chapel		500.00
Sleeping Rooms		2,500.00
Women's Attic		50.00
Hospital Room		300.00
Reception Room		50.00
Basement:		
Meat Room and Refrigerator		800.00
Deep Freeze Room		700.00
Big Store Room		1,000.00
Old Kitchen		500.00
Superintendent's Store Room		800.00
Flour and Coffee Room		250.00
Soap Room		250.00
Disinfectant Room		500.00

Paint and Carpenter Shops	1,235.00
Boiler Room and Contents	19,495.00
Blacksmith Shop	400.00
Gasoline, Motor Oil, etc.	300.00
Oil, (Fuel)	350.00
Fire Extinguishers	635.00
Hose House and Contents	300.00
Pumps and Motors	7,545.00
Engine Room	2,000.00
International Truck	900.00
Ford Station Wagon	2,200.00
Chevrolet Sedan	25.00
Plymouth Sedan	40.00
Farm Machinery and Milk Room Equipment	15,990.00
Equipment at Piggery	4,000.00
Storm Windows	1,200.00
Jail Contents	500.00
Contents of Laundry	7,200.00
Slaughter House	250.00
18 Milking Cows	4,500.00
3 Beef Cows	600.00
32 Heifers (18, pure-bred)	6,400.00
20 Bulls and Steers	2,200.00
1 Young Bull (pure-bred)	150.00
43 Hogs	1,200.00
Grain for above	110.00
Ensilage Corn, 150 tons	1,200.00
Hay, 100 tons, 1-60	2,000.00
Lumber	100.00
	$ 108,267.00

VEGETABLES AND PRODUCE

Cucumbers	22 bushels
String Beans	10 bushels
Lettuce	30 heads
Onions	20 bushels
Peas	75 bushels
Potatoes	850 bushels
Radishes	1 bushel
Squash	1½ tons
Sweet Corn	1,200 dozen
Tomatoes	26½ bushels
Beef, raised and used on Farm	7,298 lbs.
Pork, raised and used on Farm	5,390 lbs.
Milk produced and used on Farm	926,134 lbs.
Hay Crop	245 tons

SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON REPORT

To the Commissioners and Citizens of Strafford County:

Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-nine has been a very busy year, at the County Home.

We feel we have accomplished many things in the nine months we have been in charge. In all sincerity we must say it has been quite a challenge.

Among the many improvements, the following were done on the Men's Wing. Porch inside and out, two coats of paint; Sitting and Dining Rooms repainted. Five rooms of the first floor, sanded and installed Inlaid Linoleum.

Women's Wing. The Dining Room, Sitting Room and five Bedrooms newly painted. Twelve new Congoleums were installed in rooms on the first floor. A Jalousie Door, entering onto their porch.

For the Jail, we purchased uniforms for the Turnkeys. Two Escape Proof Locks were installed, recommended by Warden Hancock of State Prison.

Considerable Wiring was done in all the buildings; including Potato rooms under the Hay Barn, Jail, etc. This was recommended by Fire Chief.

The rat situation in the Dairy Barn and Piggery has been controlled. Not one rat has been **seen** since last June.

Our Dairy Herd is coming along fine. We now have twenty-one milkers and by June should have

approximately forty. We have receipts of $2,650.00 realized from surplus milk sales, in addition to supplying the Home with $11,000.00 of milk and cream.

Would like to recommend an Automatic Dish Washer. From a sanitary view point alone, it is greatly needed. Also combination windows for the rear of the main building, which would complete the home on windows. Also a Hay Conditioner.

We wish to thank our entire staff for their very fine cooperation.

To the many organizations that so graciously donated time and gifts to the Residents of the Home.

To Father Beaudet; Reverend Macomber; Salvation Army and many other Religious organizations, many, many thanks for your time and efforts to please and aid the Residents.

To Dr. John Hartigan for his very fine services and cooperation.

To each and every one of you, Mrs. Hughes and myself, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Respectively submitted,

ARTHUR F. HUGHES
Superintendent

MARGARET E. HUGHES
Matron

BOARDERS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS
DURING 1959

Name, Where From	Date of Birth	Days Here
Averill, Elsie, Farmington	1909	149
Ashland, George, Farmington	1895	103
Bassett, George, Dover	1877	18
Blair, John, Rochester	1885	19
Boisvert, William, Rochester	1899	56
Cartier, Louis A., Rochester	1900	7
Chaisson, Jerry, Dover	1900	72
Coleman, Vaughan, Dover	1894	152
Collins, James, Milton	1874	101
Corson, Trevlyon, Rochester	1900	17
DuBois, Alphonse, Dover	1888	108
Emanuel, Arthur, Dover	1923	365
Gagnon, Christine, Somersworth	1908	79
Gardiner, George, Rochester	1880	57
Harriman, Walter, Rochester	1886	118
Hart, Alice, Farmington	1906	82
Hayes, Ralph, Farmington	1900	365
Henderson, Lewis, Rochester	1899	254
Henry, Alice, Rochester	1883	97
Hersom, Walter, Rochester	1900	56
Hoyt, John, Dover	1887	365
Kinney, Miriam, Dover	1905	320
LePage, Charles, Rochester	1877	296
Marden, Percy, Dover	1884	102
May, Luella, Rochester	1865	189
Miller, Faye, Dover	1888	66
Miller, James, Dover	1884	171
Perreault, Joseph, Rochester	1888	136
Rollins, William, Lee	1884	3
Rowe, Grace, Strafford	1870?	365
Ruggles, Fred, Dover	1880	275
St. Laurent, Raoul, Somersworth	1906	167
Savoie, Delia, Farmington	1870	365
Smith, John, Dover	1892	80
Thibeault, John, Rollinsford	1888	116
Welch, Lillian, Milton	1909	90

Boarders from N. H. State Dept. of Public Welfare 36

Private Boarders	35
Veterans	2-Private

22,049 days.

RESIDENTS AT STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME DURING 1959

Name, Where From	Date of Birth	Days Here
Authier, Eugene, Rochester	1883	365
Beaulieu Jr., Pierre, Farmington	1898	365
Bernard, Joseph, Rochester	1877	365
Bishop, Ella, Farmington	1885	273
Bishop, Everett, Farmington	1880	273
Boucher, Napoleon, Dover	1901	100
Brideau, Michael, Rochester	1942	146
Burke, William F., Dover (Lawrence, Mass.)	1896	41
Campbell, Barbara, Dover	1925	30
Caron, Rosa, Dover,	1872	365
Champagne, Leodore, Rochester	1921	1
Coleman, Vaughan, Dover	1894	214
Cote, Arthur, Somersworth	1876(?)	365
Crawford, Melvin, Dover (Cinn, Ohio)	1899	31
Croteau, David, Somersworth	1885	365
Dandrews, Henry, Penacook	1884	45
Davis, Flora, Dover	1937	49
Demers, Lewis, Dover	(?)	29
Dion, Arthur, Lee	1879	99
Dudley, Patricia, Dover	1938	9
Frechette, Robert, Dover	1927	79
Gatchell, Gustena, Dover	1868	90
Grant, Constance, Dover	1911	365
Guimond, Fred, Dover	1875	109
Ham, Victor, Farmington	1908	85
Hussey, Jr., Ralph, Farmington	1938	168
Kinney, Miriam, Dover	1905	45
Labrecque, Yvonne, Rochester	1914	233
Lamie, Anthony, Rochester	1899	79
McBride, Robert, Dover	1907	94
Mahoney, Cornelius, Dover	1880	342
Martel, Mary, Dover	1890	31
Mitchell, Mark, Dover	1907	365

Nadeau, Edward, Somersworth	1899	365
Norton, Willis, Dover (Ports)	1905	122
Pelletier, Joseph, Dover	1912	2
Plante, Albert, Dover	1882	365
Provencal, John, Dover	1893	365
Provencal, Joseph, Dover	1884	365
Reed, Joseph, Dover	1900	43
Robbins, Lester W., Dover	1904	37
Roy, Frank, Dover	1876	365
Ruggles, Fred, Dover	1880	90
St. Cyr, Armand, Dover	1896	365
Shortridge, Lewis J., Dover	1870	106
Smith, William I., Dover	1900	365
Thiroux, Matilda, Farmington	1880	365
Vachon, Peter, Farmington	1888	365
Varney, Alice, Rochester	1919	112
Williams, Mary, Dover	1904	365

STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME 1959

Expenditures

Jail				
Labor		$ 4,847.05		
Supplies and Clothing		246.05		
Repairs		222.70		
Films, etc.		20.50		
Board of Prisoners		575.75		
Medical		87.58		
			$	5,999.63
Farming				
Labor		$ 2,791.99		
Seed and fertilizer		901.69		
Supplies		353.79		
Equipment				
Blacksmith's forge	$ 33.80			
Power loader and seeder	508.25			
Hay rake and baler	32.93	574.98		
Repairs and parts		216.89		
			$	4,839.34
Dairy				
Labor		$ 1,609.67		
Feed		7,989.53		
Supplies		357.74		
Equipment				
Milker	$ 113.40			
Separator	110.00			
Pump	17.10			
Cooler	227.00			
Seeder	34.50			
Tie-up chains	15.00			
		517.00		
Registration of heifers		40.00		
Butchering		44.00		

N. H. Vermont Breeding Association		248.00	
Dairy Herd Improvement Association		137.43	
Veterinarians		313.00	
Livestock purchased		133.50	
Repairs and parts		366.61	
			$ 11,756.48
Operation and maintenance of plant			
Labor		$ 33,314.78	
Provisions		22,468.99	
Clothing		809.11	
Supplies		7,443.93	
Health			
Physician	$ 1,450.00		
Nurses	14,301.21		
Medical Supplies	2,827.70		
Funeral Expenses	795.00		
		19,373.91	
Repairs and parts		4,261.95	
All Other Expenses			
Chaplains		263.04	
Auto, tractor and truck expenses		856.60	
Gasoline		1,295.37	
Transportation		78.76	
Advertising		50.13	
*Telephone		947.03	
Equipment		534.76	
Refund on Board		68.60	
Fire Insurance		606.66	
County Officers Meetings		41.45	
Taxes		2,091.90	
Fire equipment		155.40	

Used refrigerator	92.00	
		$ 94,754.37

* Reimbursed $175.31.

Light and Power		
Gas for range	$ 599.50	
Public Service Company	2,860.51	
Oil for piggery and dairy	1,390.69	
Sprague Oil Company		
Oil for County Home	5,247.95	
		$ 10,098.65
Total Expenditures		$127,448.47

Receipts

Board	$ 42,476.05	
Board, State of N. H.		
Public Welfare Dept.	22,710.26	
Clothing and Supplies	772.33	
Produce	279.61	
Livestock	621.00	
Medical Supplies	744.09	
Hay	1,378.32	
Road toll refund, State of		
New Hampshire	245.22	
Telephone Calls	175.31	
Agricultural Program	34.87	
Patronage account	191.80	
Provisions	42.00	
Sale of Milk	2,650.36	
Empty bags, fats, hides, etc.	212.00	
Funeral Expense	138.00	
		$ 7,2671.22

PRISONERS COMMITTED TO STRAFFORD COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

During 1959

Age	Name, Court committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
23	Ainsworth, John, Dover, Accessory to B & E	2	2
22	Ainsworth, Joseph, Dover, B & E	2	2
46	Ballou, Robert, Dover, Drunk	1	
81	Bassett, George, Dover, Drunk	14	2
39	Bedell, Foster, Dover, Neglect of Wife and minor child		1
61	Bemis, Burton, Dover, Drunk	3	6
24	Berry, Joseph, Dover, Larceny of Rifle	16	5
22	Bisson, Alfred, Dover, Misuse of plates	3	6
20	Boisvert, Robert, Somersworth, B & E & Larceny		2
43	Boucher, Robert, Dover, Drunk	27	2
19	Bourre, Paul, Dover, B & E	3	
30	Bourque, Alfred, Dover, Violation of Probation	20	2
21	Bousquin, Norman, Rochester, Vagrant	3	6
25	Brassaw, Wallace, Rochester, Drunk	2	1
22	Brannan, George, Farmington, Reckless Driving	3	3
42	Breard, Noel, Dover, (1) D.W.I. (2) Operating without a license	13	5
51	Bumstead, Robert, Dover, Drunk	1	2
25	Callahan, Robert, Dover, (1) Assault, (2) Drunk	4	
30	Caverly, Albert D., Dover, Non-Support		1
38	Champagne, Leodore, Rochester, Drunk	11	
25	Chase, Robert, Rochester, Contempt of Court	3	1
	Chase, Robert, Somersworth, Receiving of stolen monies	5	6
20	Clark, Peter, Dover, Operating grossly careless manner, failed to stop for Officer, operating without a license		1
55	Conroy, Christopher, Rochester, Drunk	1	3
31	Cook, Chester, Farmington, Operating after License revoked		2
	Cook, Chester, Dover, Operating without a License	2	4

Age	Name, Court committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
42	Cook, Raymond, Dover, Brawl	7	4
21	Cornellier, Ronald, Dover, Assault	26	2
47	Cote, Lionel, Somersworth, Drunk	11	4
22	Coughlin, David, Somersworth, Assault		1
30	Cressey, Fred, Dover, Desertion of his minor children	1	
22	Crose, James Jr., Dover, B & E with intent to steal	5	3
46	Davis, John, Dover, Drunk	7	6
29	DeWitt, Paul, Dover, Fugitive from Justice on rape		1
35	Dexter, Robert H., Dover, Contempt of Court		4
22	Dube, Octave, Somersworth, Larceny		1
35	Dyer, Earl A., Dover, Contempt of Court		1
18	Eldridge, William, Dover, B & E	2	4
33	Elwell, Wilbur, Rochester, Neglect of Children	2	1
33	Elwell, Wilbur, Rochester, Assault	8	2
24	Farley, Harold E., Rochester, Did falsely make and counterfeit a certain check to defraud	3	6
24	Farley, Harold E., Dover, Did utter and deliver check on Bank, without funds, to obtain merchandise and money	7	4
29	Farrand, Norman, Somersworth, Larceny of Watches	8	2
31	Farrand, Norman, Dover, Attempt to steal and carry away a car		1
31	Farrand, Norman, Rochester, Larceny of a Pick-Up truck	6	5
31	Farrand, Norman, Worcester, Mass. Escaping Jail	2	2
34	Fenton, Charles, Dover, Brawl	3	6
20	Flanagan, John, Dover, B&E & Larceny		2
28	Flynn, Thomas Jr., Somersworth, D.W.I.	8	3
28	Flynn, Thomas Jr., Somersworth, (1) Larceny (2) Damages	6	
19	Forbes, Paul, Dover, Accessory, 2 counts	2	2
20	Fraser, Robert, Dover, B & E & Larceny	11	4
20	Fraser, Robert, Dover, Drunk	11	4
18	Gadbois, Leo, Dover, (1) Carried concealed weapon (2) Loaded Pistol		5

Age	Name, Court committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
20	Gagnon, Armand, Rochester, Brawl	2	1
23	Gagnon, Edgar, Rochester, (1) Assault on minor female did ravish and carnally against will, (2) attempt to ravish and carnally a minor female	1	3
48	Gailey, Nelson, Dover, Drunk	7	5
18	Gauthier, Richard, Dover, B & E & Larceny of money	7	2
18	Gauthier, Richard, Dover, possession of liquor in car, being a minor	1	1
18	Gobeil, Charles E., Farmington, (1) Operating in a grossly careless manner, (2) Operating after license was revoked	3	1
59	Goodwin, Frank, over, Drunk	2	1
26	Grady, Dennis, Dover, Drunk	7	6
26	Grady, Dennis, Dover, Drunk	4	2
26	Grady, Dennis, Dover, Drunk		3
26	Grady, Dennis, Dover, Drunk	7	6
23	Grant, Herbert, Dover, Contempt of Court	7	5
20	Griffith, Raymond, Dover, Larceny of shirts	1	4
21	Hagen, Robert, Rochester, Larceny of Watch	4	
16	Hall, William J., Dover, Operating 45-50 MPH in 25 mile zone		1
38	Harrison, Edward, Dover, D.W.I.		3
64	Hayes, Charles, Rochester, (1) Contributing to delinquency of female minor (2) Gross lewdness	1	5
32	Heath, Clyde, Dover, Non-support		3
45	Heath, Woodrow, Dover, Vagrant	2	2
20	Hemenway, Rodney, Rochester, Brawl & Tumult		4
44	Henderson, Hugh, Dover, D.W.I.	5	3
17	Hill, Donald, Somersworth, D.W.I.		2
75	Hilliard, Alfred, Rochester, Vagrant	19	6
21	Hoitt, Roland, Dover, Drunk	11	4
27	Hughes, Richard, Dover, D.W.I.		4
53	Hupy, Henry, Dover, D.W.I.	3	2
70	Hussey, James, Dover, Vagrant	23	1
19	Hussey Jr., Ralph, Dover, B&E & Larceny	23	1
19	Hussey Jr., Ralph, Rochester, Aiding to the delinquency of a minor	3	5
27	Hutchins, Richard O., Rochester, B & E to steal	1	1

Age	Name, Court committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
41	Johnson, Donald R., Dover, Violation of Probation	7	5
48	Johnson, Robert, Dover, Drunk		2
48	Johnson, Robert, Dover, Neglect of Wife and minor child	3	6
19	Kabel, Carl, Farmington, (1) Did wilfully take a car (2) B & E, Larceny		4
20	Knight, David, Somersworth, Larceny of car	2	2
68	Labrie, Arthur, Dover, Drunk	13	4
40	Lacroix, Herve, Dover, Drunk	2	5
	Lakeman, Fred F., Rollinsford, Driving w/o License		1
21	Lambert, Robert A., Dover, B & E & Larceny	17	5
22	Lambert, Robert A., Somersworth, Operating after license revoked		4
24	Lavoie, Victor, Dover, D.W.I.		2
17	Leary, Robert, Dover, Drunk		2
18	Leary, Robert, B & E & Larceny	1	
37	Leavitt, Lawrence, Dover, Assault	10	1
18	Leclair, Leon, Somersworth, Did receive certain monies		
18	Leclair, Leon, Rochester, Larceny of money		
48	Ledger, Maurice, Dover, Drunk		1
25	Lefebvre, Charles, Dover, Brawl	3	6
18	Lefebvre, Louis, Dover, Drunk		1
18	Lefebvre, Louis, Dover, Drunk	3	6
22	Lefebvre, Roland, Dover, Brawl	3	6
22	Lefebvre, Roland, Dover, Assault		2
42	Lenfest, Charles, Rochester, D.W.I.	2	3
39	Lewis, Willis, Dover, Neglect of Wife and minor child	3	6
24	Lirette, Albert, Dover, Larceny, spare tire and wheel		1
51	McBride, Robert, Dover, Drunk	17	
25	MacCarlie, Somersworth, Larceny		1
21	McDonald, Alfred, Rochester, Brawl	2	1
35	McMahon, John, Dover, Drunk		6
48	Marsh, Lester, Rochester, D.W.I.	3	4
21	Martel, William, Somersworth, B&E Larceny		3
44	Masse, Wilfred, Dover, Drunk	1	8

Age	Name, Court committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
17	Maynard, Milo, Rochester, Operating w/o proper license.	3	4
17	Maynard, Milo, Rochester, Operating in a reckless manner		1
23	Merserve, Bruce, Dover, Contempt of Court	2	2
30	Miller, Donald, Dover, Contempt of Court	8	
20	Miller, Warren, Dover, B.&E. & Larceny	10	6
20	Miller, Warren, Dover, Larceny of a car	12	6
25	Miraldes, Harrison, Dover, Larceny of monies	3	6
28	Mitchell, Ronald H., Farmington, Larceny of Jeep	6	
20	Moody, Edwin, Dover, Brawl & Tumult		5
26	Moody, Fred, Manchester, escape	1	3
29	Moody, Walter, Dover, Neglect Wife and minor children	3	2
29	Moody, Walter, Dover, Operating motor vehicle in a grossly careless manner, failed to notify M.V.D. change of address		1
20	Moore, Wilbur G., Rollinsford, Operating in a grossly careless manner	7	1
21	Morneault, Joseph D., Dover, Did Wilfully take an auto	12	
27	Muise, Eric, Dover, Neglect of Wife and minor children	11	4
30	Murdo, Francis M., Rochester, B.&E.	1	1
33	Nadeau, Arthur, Dover, D.W.I. (2) Operating w/o Proper license		6
24	Northrup, Norman L. Somersworth, Delinquency of a minor		3
	Northrup, Ronald, Dover, Drunk		1
32	Norton, Reginald, Dover, Contempt of Court		3
64	O'Brien, Francis, Dover, Drunk	3	6
64	O'Brien, Francis, Vagrant	4	1
36	Osborne, Lyle, Rochester, Did commit the crime of Incest	2	
40	Ouimette, Charles F., Dover, Did assualt and commit the crime of incest		1
34	Page, Clayton, Dover, Contempt of Court		1
21	Parent, Albert, Dover, Operating Vehicle in excess speed and causing an accident		1

Age	Name, Court committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
72	Place, Arthur, Dover, Drunk	30	1
54	Quimby, Alfred, Dover, Drunk	2	2
27	Rankin, Herbert J., Somersworth, (1) Premeditated Murder (2) Assault (3) Assault	30	5
37	Pheaume, Albert, Dover, Larceny	6	
54	Robbins, Lester W., Dover, Drunk	1	1
21	Royer, David L., Somersworth, (1) Resisting Police Officer (2) Assault	1	2
22	Rumney, Arthur, Dover, Aggravated Assault by pointing pistol at man	7	6
22	Rumney, Arthur, Dover, Non-Support		2
22	St. Cyr, Richard E., Somersworth, B & E & Larceny		2
41	St. Jean, Maurice, Dover, Drunk		5
52	St. Laurent, Raoul, Somersworth, Drunk	14	3
25	Scanlon, John, Somersworth, B & E & Larceny	4	5
25	Scanlon, John, Dover, Violation of Probation	4	5
25	Scanlon, John, Rochester, Larceny of a Pick-Up truck	1	
22	Sattersfield, James, Rochester, B & E & Larceny	6	1
18	Scott, Donald, Rochester, Did destroy and deface grave stones	4	3
21	Sessler, Robert, Rochester, Assault	4	
56	Simons, Ralph, Dover, Drunk	5	2
28	Simons, Richard A., Rochester, Defraud by Check	1	2
61	Slattery, Charles, Dover, Drunk	1	3
18	Smedberg, Edward A., Dover, B & E & Larceny	5	1
18	Smedberg, Edward A., Rochester, Larceny of Pick-Up truck	6	5
19	Smith, Eugene F., Dover, did feloniously make an assault and larceny of U. S. money. Did steal one Simac Car	6	1
65	Smith, John, Dover, Drunk	23	1
23	Smith, Kenneth, Rochester, Larceny of shirts	1	3
24	Smith, Kenneth, Dover, Assault		3
42	Stewart, Chester, Dover, Did falsely endorse a certain check	9	2

Age	Name, Court committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
50	Stickney, Robert L., Dover Vagrant	3	6
33	Snyder, Robert, Dover, B & E & Larceny	7	5
34	Snyder, Robert, Dover, Larceny	4	1
20	Sullivan, Patrick, Rochester (2) Larceny	1	
36	Therrien, Armand, Rochester, Contempt of Court	2	1
36	Therrien, Armand, Dover, Contempt of Court	2	4
29	Tsoukalos, Peter, Dover, B & E & Larceny		3
25	Towle, Ronald, Farmington, Assault		6
25	Twombley, William I., Dover, D.W.I.		1
28	Vachon, Richard, Rochester, Larceny	2	5
23	Vachon, Robert J., Dover, Brawl	2	3
24	Vachon, Robert J., Dover, B & E & Larceny	9	1
18	Vezina, Robert, Dover, Larceny of a car	1	2
29	Waterman, Warren, B & E & Escaping	4	6
36	Wentworth, Merle P., Dover, Neglect of wife and minor children	7	5
37	Wentworth, Merle P., Dover, Indecent assault on his daughter		1
19	Whitten, Donald, Somersworth, B & E & Larceny		3
19	Winders, John A., Dover, D.W.I.	19	2
22	Windon, Lewis H., Rollinsford, Murder	26	5
37	Wormell, Guy R., Dover, Comtempt of Court	1	6
30	Wynott Jr., Charles W., Dover, Drunk	24	4

PRISONERS COMMITTED TO AND BOARDED AT HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY JAIL

Name	Weeks	Days
Farrand, Norman	4	4
Gordon, Shirley		2
Henderson, Mary	11	3
Moody, Fred	12	6
Rumney, Arthur	11	
Waterman, Warren	2	
Windon, Lewis	6	4

REPORT OF CLERK OF STRAFFORD COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Strafford County:

The following is an account of my receipts and disbursements as Clerk of Superior Court for the following terms:

FOR SEPTEMBER TERM, 1958
CHARGES AGAINST COUNTY

Capiases, mittimuses, etc. (42)	$	42.00
Returns to Department of Vital Statistics (51)		7.65
Extended Permanent Records 1026 pages @ .50		513.00
Extended Permanent Records 316 certificates @ .15		47.40
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		4,957.05
	$	5,567.10

CREDITS TO COUNTY

Civil entries 131 @ $2.50	$	327.50
Equity entries 100 @ $2.50		250.00
State appeals 34 @ $2.50		85.00
Charges against County		49.65
Dockets sold 25 @ $2.00		50.00
Fines and costs paid:		
State v. Sabol		125.00
State v. Royer		15.00
State v. Thompson		25.00
State v. White		10.00
State v. Soucy		50.00
State v. Callahan		50.00

Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire Drawn	4,529.95
	$ 5,567.10

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.

THOMAS J. MORRIS
Presiding Justice

February 3, 1959

REPORT OF CLERK OF STRAFFORD COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

FOR FEBRUARY TERM, 1959

CHARGES AGAINST COUNTY

Capiases, mittimuses, certificates of probation (57)	$ 57.00
Returns to Department of Vital Statistics (66) @ .15	9.90
Extended Permanent Records 786 pages @ .50	393.00
Extended Permanent Records 278 certificates @ .15	41.70
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	6,514.37
	$ 7,015.97

CREDITS TO COUNTY

Civil entries 239 @ $2.50	$	597.50
Equity entries 129 @ $2.50		320.00
State appeals 23 @ $2.50		57.50
Sessions entries 2 @ $2.50		5.00
Charges against County		66.90
Dockets sold 31 @ $2.00		62.00
Fines and costs paid:		
State v. Johnson		75.00
State v. Gagnon		15.00
State v. Day		50.00
State v. McDonald		500.00
State v. Nickerson		100.00
N. H. P. D. v. Norton		2.00
N. H. P. D. v. Bartlett		3.20
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire Drawn		5,161.87
	$	7,015.97

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.

September 2, 1959

WILLIAM W. KELLER,
Presiding Justice

RICHARD H. KEEFE,
Clerk

REPORT OF COUNTY SOLICITOR

To the Commissioners for the County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire:

Pursuant to Revised Laws Annotated, Chapter 30, Section 1, and Chapter 7, sections 38 and 39, I make herewith, my annual report for the period from January 1, through December 31, 1959.

CIVIL ACTIONS

There were no civil actions filed or pending in favor of or against the County during the year 1959.

CRIMINAL CASES—SUPERIOR COURT

A. FELONY CASES

State v. John L. Ainsworth. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Respondent sentenced to 1 year and 1 day to 3 years in the N. H. State Prison.

State v. Robert Fraser. Breaking and entering. Plea of Guilty. Respondent sentenced to House of Correction for 6 months. Three months suspended. Respondent placed on probation for 1 year.

State v. Paul Forbes. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent placed on probation for 1 year.

State v. John Ainsworth. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent placed on probation for 1 year.

State v. Harold Amero. Breaking and entering. Continued for sentence.

State v. Paul E. Bourre. Breaking and entering.

Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent placed on probation for 2 years.

State v. Norman L. Farrand. Jail break. Plea of guilty on two counts. Respondent sentenced to 1 year and 1 day to 3 years in the N. H. State Prison.

State v. Shirley Mae Gordon. Murder. Plea of not guilty. Tried by Jury. Found not guilty.

State v. Louis T. Harton. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent ordered to make restitution in the sum of $200.

State v. Ralph Hussey, Jr. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Respondent sentenced to 6 months at hard labor in the Strafford County House of Correction.

State v. Richard Hutchins. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence.

State v. David Knight. Larceny. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent placed on probation for 1 year.

State v. James E. McDonald. Reckless driving with death resulting. Plea of guilty. Fined $500. Sentenced to 1 year at House of Correction. Sentence suspended.

State v. Warren Miller. Larceny. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to 1 year at the Strafford County House of Correction.

State v. Warren E. Miller. Larceny. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to 3 months at House of Correction.

State v. Francis M. Murdo. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to not less than 1 year

and 1 day and not more than 2 years at N. H. State Prison.

State v. Ronald H. Mitchell. Larceny. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Released to Massachusetts for completion of jail sentence.

State v. Lyle Osborne. Incest. Plea of guilty. Respondent sentenced to 1 year and 1 day to 3 years at N. H. State Prison.

State v. Charles F. Ouimette. Incest. Plea of not guilty. Tried by Jury. Found guilty of attempted incest. Sentenced to not less than 1 year and 1 day and not more than 3 years at N. H. State Prison.

State v. Paul P. Pay. Arson. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent placed on probation for 2 years.

State v. Arthur Rumney. Aggravated assault. Plea of not guilty. Tried by Jury. Found not guilty.

State v. James Satterfield. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent placed on probation for 2 years.

State v. John Scanlon. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to 6 months at the House of Correction.

State v. Donald E. Whitten. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent placed on probation for 2 years.

State v. Robert A. Lambert. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent placed on probation for 2 years.

State v. William Martel. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to 6 months at the

House of Correction. Respondent placed on probation for 2 years.

State v. John Scanlon. Larceny. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to not less than 1 year and 1 day but not more than 2 years at N. H. State Prison.

State v. Edward Smedberg. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to 9 months at House of Correction.

State v. Edward A. Smedberg. Larceny. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to not less than 1 year and 1 day nor more than 2 years at N. H. State Prison.

State v. Janet L. Smith. Robbery. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent placed on probation for 5 years.

State v. Eugene F. Smith. Robbery. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to not less than 1 year and 1 day to not more than 3 years in N. H. State Prison.

State v. Robert Snyder. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Respondent sentenced to 6 months in House of Correction. 4 months suspended. Placed on probation for 1 year.

State v. Chester Stewart. Larceny. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent placed on probation for 1 year. Ordered to make restitution in the sum of $93.02.

State v. Patrick Sullivan. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence.

State v. Richard Vachon. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence. Ordered to make restitution in the amount of $250. Respondent placed on probation for 2 years.

State v. Warren Waterman, Jr. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence.

State v. Warren E. Waterman, Jr. Breaking and entering. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence.

State v. Warren Waterman, Jr. Larceny. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to 3 to 5 years N. H. State Prison.

State v. Lewis H. Windon. Manslaughter. Plea of not guilty. Jury trial. Found guilty of aggravated assault. Sentenced to 1 to 3 years in N. H. State Prison.

B. Misdemeanor Cases

State v. George G. Nickerson. Grossly careless operation. Plea of guilty. Fined $100.

State v. Donald Johnson. Violation of probation. Assault. Plea of guilty. Sentenced to 60 days House of Correction.

State v. Albert Chagnon. Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Plea of guilty. Found guilty. Respondent fined $150. Sentenced to 30 days House of Correction. Sentence suspended.

State v. Lawrence Fortier. Driving under the influence. Plea of not guilty. Trial by Jury. Found not guilty.

State v. Robert P. Billings. Attempt to take wild deer during closed season. Plea of not guilty. Trial by Jury. Found not guilty.

State v. Walter Garland, Jr. Attempt to take wild deer in closed season. Plea of not guilty. Trial by Jury. Found not guilty.

State v. Edward Jennison. Attempt to take wild deer in closed season. Trial by Jury. Found not guilty.

State v. Dan P. Cope. Operating without license. Plea of guilty. Fined $25.00.

State v. Chalmers H. Day. Grossly careless operation. Plea of nolo. Fined $25.

State v. Cecil J. Hassen. Grossly careless operation. Plea of guilty. Fined $100.

State v. Irving Johnson. Selling alcoholic beverages to a minor. Plea of guilty. Fined $150.

State v. Irving Johnson. Selling intoxicating beverages after prescribed hours. Plea of guilty. Continued for sentence.

State v. Robert M. Johnson. Driving under the influence. Plea of guilty. Fined $75.

In addition to the above cases, various misdemeanor cases were changed to another charge, and various cases nol prossed at my discretion.

C. Felonies Pending.

State v. Herbert J. Rankin. Murder. Bound over to Grand Jury.

State v. Harold E. Amero. Extradition.

State v. John T. Flanagan. Breaking and entering. Bound over to Grand Jury.

State v. Peter Tsoukalas. Accessory to breaking and entering. Bound over to Grand Jury.

State v. Ralph Williams, Jr. Attempted rape. Bound over to the Grand Jury.

COMMENTS

In addition to the cases which I have listed, many cases were tried in the Municipal Courts of this County.

The year 1959 will most likely go on record as a very unusual year for a County Attorney in that the Jury at the September Term 1959 of Strafford County Superior Court heard nothing but criminal cases. It was necessary for me to spend five full weeks in Court during this Term, not to mention the time required to investigate and prepare all of the cases for this County during the year.

It is important to note that the crime rate, both in number and in degree of seriousness, has increased substantially in this County during the past year. On several occasions it was necessary for me to call a meeting of local, county, and state, law enforcement officials in order to centralize investigations to cope with the crime problem, and I wish to thank all of these officials for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT A. CARIGNAN
County Attorney

REPORT OF SHERIFF

FEBRUARY TERM, 1959

To Wilfred J. Pare, Sheriff, Dr.

Paid Court Chaplain		$	10.00

WILFRED J. PARE, Sheriff

88 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	$ 1,320.00		
490 miles' travel @ 10c	49.00		
33 meals	38.45		
		$	1,407.45

To Hervey C. Tanner, Deputy Sheriff, Dr.

Paid newspapers for Jury		$	15.75

HERVEY C. TANNER, Deputy Sheriff

28 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	420.00		
4 nights' attendance at Court @ $15.00	60.00		
1,285 miles' travel @ 10c	128.50		
27 meals	38.65		
Transportation of prisoners for Court	24.00		
		$	671.15

EDWARD B. RICHARD, Deputy Sheriff

5 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	75.00		
1 night's attendance at Court @ $15.00	15.00		
140 miles' travel @ 10c	14.00		
5 meals	6.40		
Transportation of prisoners for Court	7.50		
		$	117.90

NOEL CHASE, Deputy Sheriff			
10 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	150.00		
1 night's attendance at Court @ $15.00	15.00		
90 miles' travel @ 10c	9.00		
7 meals	8.75		
Transportation of prisoners for Court	9.40		
		$	192.15

TO William N. Shaheen, Special Deputy Sheriff, Dr.

Paid newspapers for Jury			.95

WILLIAM N. SHAHEEN, Special Deputy Sheriff			
11 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	165.00		
1 night's attendance at Court @$15.00	15.00		
22 miles' travel @ 10c	2.20		
2 meals	2.00		
		$	184.20

ROMEO W. COURCHESNE, Special Deputy Sheriff			
21 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	315.00		
4 nights' attendance at Court @ $15.00	60.00		
42 miles' travel @ 10c	4.20		
		$	379.20
		$	2,978.75

Approved for $2,978.75

WILLIAM W. KELLER
Presiding Justice

WILFRED J. PARE
Sheriff

Received Payment
WILFRED J. PARE

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1959

To Wilfred J. Pare, Sheriff, Dr.

Paid Court Chaplain		$ 10.00
Paid meals for prisoners while attending Court		15.35
Paid State of Maine, service of subpoena		3.60

WILFRED J. PARE, Sheriff

55 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	$ 825.00	
3 nights' attendance at Court @ $15.00	45.00	
550 miles' travel @ 10c	55.00	
30 meals	37.35	
Transportation of prisoners for Court; Transportation of witnesses for Grand Jury; Travel re: service of subpoenaes for Grand Jury and criminal cases (Windon & Gordon)	302.80	
		$ 1,265.15

To Hervey C. Tanner, Deputy Sheriff, Dr.

Paid newspapers for Jury and miscellaneous articles for Jury (Gordon case)	42.45

HERVEY C. TANNER, Deputy Sheriff

39 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00		585.00	
5 nights' attendance at Court @ $15.00		75.00	
1,473 miles' travel & 10c		147.30	
33 meals		45.55	
Transportation of Prisoners for Court		9.60	
			$ 862.45

EDWARD B. RICHARD, Deputy Sheriff

2 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	$	30.00	
40 miles' travel @ 10c		4.00	
2 meals		2.00	
			$ 36.00

NOEL CHASSE, Deputy Sheriff

16 day's attendance at Court @ $15.00	$	240.00	
4 nights' attendance at Court @ $15.00		60.00	
130 miles' travel @ 10c		13.00	
10 meals		12.50	
			$ 325.50

To William N. Shaheen, Special Deputy Sheriff, Dr.

Paid meals for prisoners while attending Court	$	4.00

WILLIAM N. SHAHEEN, Special Deputy Sheriff

9 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	$	135.00
3 nights' attendence at		

Court @ $15.00	45.00	
22 Miles' travel @ 10c	2.20	
		$ 182.20

ROMEO W. COURCHESNE, Special Deputy Sheriff

10 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	150.00	
2 nights' attendance at Court @ $15.00	30.00	
20 miles' travel @ 10c	2.00	
1 meal	2.25	
		$ 184.25

To Arthur J. Grimes, Special Deputy Sheriff, Dr.

Paid transportation of Jury (Windon & Gordon cases)	50.00
Paid miscellaneous articles for Jury (Gordon case)	8.40

ARTHUR J. GRIMES, Special Deputy Sheriff

21 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	$ 315.00	
4 nights' attendance at Court @ $15.00	60.00	
50 miles' travel @ 10c	5.00	
1 meal	1.35	
Transportation of prisoners for Court	40.60	
		$ 421.95

NELSON LAMB, Special Deputy Sheriff

8 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	$ 120.00	
240 miles' travel @ 10c	24.00	
		$ 144.00

IDA M. CARIGNAN, Special Deputy Sheriff

4 days' attendance at Court @ $15.00	$ 60.00	
2 nights' attendance at Court @ $15.00	30.00	
		$ 90.00
		$ 3,645.30

Approved for $3,645.30

ROBERT F. GRIFFITH,
Presiding Justice

WILFRED J. PARE
Sheriff

Received Payment
WILFRED J. PARE

REPORT OF THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

After five years of service, I am glad to say that there is a great amelioration in the Comfort for the Aged. Of Course, it's not the "Paradise" yet, but the progress is remarkable. After all, I think that all those responsible for what has been done; Commissioners, Superintendent with his Staff, deserve our praises.

The Lord said: Anything you do to the smallest or the Poorest, you do it to Me."

Hope the Lord will have a special Blessing for All those who work to make the Aged happy and for All the Aged themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. GERARD BEAUDET,
Chaplain

REPORT OF THE PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN

It has been a blessing to visit regularly at the County Rest Home and talk with the folks there in their rooms. I have visited the Home once each week. Religious papers have been distributed where wanted. Recently I have been taking my tape recorder and playing hymn recordings in some of the rooms where they have requested it.

Each Sunday afternoon a Protestant service has been held in the Home, conducted by various churches in the area. The folks in the home have spoken with high appreciation of these services, especially the music, which is appreciated more than anything else. In addition to this two men from one of the churches regularly go through the Home and Jail on Friday nights, singing and talking to the people.

It has been encouraging to see that many organizations remember the folks in the home from time to time, especially at Christmas.

Respectively submitted,

DONALD E. MACOMBER,
Protestant Chaplain

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN

To the Commissioners of Strafford County:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Strafford County Home physician for the year 1959.

Regular visits to County Home	52
Emergency visits of Home	20
Emergency visits to Jail	5
Number of commitments	2
Number of deaths	10
Average age of death	78
Average number of patients	90-100

The County Home functions very well under efficient management for the good of its members and the county. The inmates receive good care in pleasant surroundings.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Commissioners, Superintendent, Matron and Nurses for their cooperation and courtesy to me during the past year which have made my visits to the Home a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. HARTIGAN, M.D.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS

May 18, 1959

Board of County Commissioners
Strafford County
Dover, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 27, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, an examination and audit of the accounts of Strafford County Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1958, has been made by this Division. Submitted herewith is the report of this audit which includes Exhibits as hereafter listed.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

Vouchers supported by invoices and travel expense reports were examined and compared with cancelled checks and entries in the cash disbursement record. Recorded receipts were checked against statements on file from the depository bank. Totals of receipts and disbursements were verified and closing balances reconciled.

The accounts and records were found to be in good condition and the accounting procedure conformed to prescribed methods as established by the over-all State Extension Service program.

We extend our appreciation and thanks to the office staff for the assistance rendered during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,
Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

Edgar O. Pesquera,
Auditor

Dumont W. Bailey,
Accountant

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Strafford County Legislative Delegation
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Dover, New Hampshire

Angeline St. Pierre, Clerk
Strafford County Legislative Delegation
Chestnut Street
Rochester, New Hampshire

Samuel W. Hoit, Director
County Extension Service
Durham, New Hampshire

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Dover, New Hampshire

STRAFFORD COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

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EXHIBIT A
STRAFFORD COUNTY
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Comparative Statement of Budgetary Accounts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1958

Account	1958 Budget	1958 Expenditures	Balances	Unexpended	Overdrafts
Personal Services	$ 9,045.00	$ 9,029.29	$ 15.71		
Travel	3,650.00	3,529.43	120.57		
Transportation of Things	20.00	1.44	18.56		
Communication Services	710.00	645.50	64.50		
Heat, Light, Water	111.00	93.31	17.69		
Rents	710.00	765.00			55.00
Printing	57.00	6.75	50.25		
Repairs to Equipment	85.00	68.85	16.15		
Materials and Supples	630.00	508.12	121.88		
Equipment	400.00	79.90	320.10		
Taxes	110.00	54.13	55.87		
Miscellaneous	45.00	41.89	3.11		
Travel—County Council	300.00	77.28	222.72		
Totals	$15,873.00	$14,900.89	$1,027.11	$	55.00
Budget Surplus		972.11			972.11
	$15,873.00	$15,873.00	$1,027.11	$1,027.11	

EXHIBIT B
STRAFFORD COUNTY
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Summary of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1958

Balance—December 31, 1957	$ 779.92
Receipts During Year:	
County Appropriation	15,093.08

Old Checks Cancelled	28.50		
		$15,901.50	
Expenditures During Year:			
Agricultural Agent	$ 4,367.64		
Home Demonstration Agent	3,529.02		
4-H Club Agent	2,762.31		
Assistant 4-H Club Agent	2,834.54		
County Forester	1,407.38		
		14,900.89	
Balance—December 31, 1958			$1,000.61

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the First National Bank of Rochester—		
As per Statement December 29, 1958	$ 2,501.12	
Less: Outstanding Checks	1,500.51	
Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1958		$1,000.61

EXHIBIT C
STRAFFORD COUNTY
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1958

	Total	Agricultural Agent	Home Demonstration Agent	4-H Club Agent	Assistant 4-H Club Agent	County Forester
Personal Services	$ 9,029.29	$ 2,895.00				
Travel	3,529.43	1,026.36				
Tranportation of Things	1.44		$ 2,245.12	$ 1,495.07	$ 1,695.10	$ 699.00
Communication Services	645.50	141.02	570.36	803.49	636.16	493.06
Heat, Light & Water	93.31	23.35	1.29	.15		
Rents	765.00	140.25	236.13	123.31	116.33	28.71
Printing	6.75		23.34	23.31	23.31	
Repairs to Equipment	68.85	17.22	202.25	146.25	148.25	128.00
Materials and Supplies	508.12	80.35	2.00	1.68	1.67	1.40
Equipment	79.90		17.21	17.21	17.21	
Taxes	54.13	13.54	148.29	108.76	153.46	17.26
Miscellaneous:			39.95			39.95
Registration	1.00	1.00	13.54	13.54	13.51	
Insurance	16.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	
Bank Service Charges	13.59	3.40	3.39	3.40	3.40	
Bonds	11.30	2.83	2.83	2.82	2.82	
Travel—County Council	77.28	19.32	19.32	19.32	19.32	
	$ 14,900.89	$ 4,367.64	$ 3,529.02	$ 2,762.31	$ 2,834.54	$ 1,407.38

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Strafford County — 1959

To the Board of County Commissioners of Strafford County

Gentlemen:

The duties and accomplishments of the Strafford County Cooperative Extension Service are hereby submitted for 1959.

On June 30, Eloi A. (Dan) Adams retired after thirty-one years of faithful and untiring service to the county people. Arthur H. Cutter succeeded him on August 1, after serving as Coos County Agent.

The governing board for the Cooperative Extension Service is the Advisory Council.

This council consists of thirteen members, made up of three people from each line of work; namely agriculture, forestry, home economics and 4-H, with the last member being appointed by the representatives of the County Delegation. Meetings are held at least four times a year, with the finance committee meeting each month for the disbursement of funds.

AGRICULTURAL AGENT'S DUTIES

The agricultural agent is designated as manager of the Extension Service office. In addition, he is responsible for the agricultural program in the county. The projects in which work is done with farmers and others are dairying, poultry, forage

crops, fruits, vegetables, agricultural engineering, farm management and marketing.

By legislation the agricultural agent works with governmental agencies. He aids the Soil Conservation Service with information on crops and fertilizers and serves as secretary of the Soil Conservation District. The agent is an ex-officio member of the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation County Committee and serves as chairman of the Election Board. He also helps to appraise land values for the Soil Bank Program. Recommendations and approvals are made on seeding, fertilizing and lining practices, based on soil test results.

The agent serves in an advisory capacity on the Farm and Home Loan Administration Board. This agency makes loans to farm people.

The Selective Service System calls on the agent for advice pertaining to agricultural problems.

During the growing season, the agent reports local weather and crop conditions to the New England office of the Agricultural Statistician.

Assistance is given the Department of Interior in the control of predatory animals and rodents.

During the past few years, more help is being requested by urban people for lawns, home gardens, ornamentals and household pests.

The agent serves as chairman of the Farm Advisory Committee for the Strafford County Home.

The information given above outlines the agent's main duties. A detailed annual report is available for examination at the Extension Service office.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR H. CUTTER
County Agricultural Agent

REPORT OF HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT
Strafford County — 1959

To the Commissioners of Strafford County:

The Home Demonstration office has been the clearing house for 1,000 telephone and office calls and the distribution for over 7,000 educational bulletins in homemaking. A monthly newsletter went out to 785 homemakers. There was an enrollment of 622 women in 31 organized clubs. Leadership was provided by 110 women, who gave of their time and abilities in volunteer service. There were 470 meetings held, with approximately 5,000 in attendance.

Major emphasis in home management was placed on upholstery, kitchens, furniture arrangement and household equipment. Approximately 1,000 homemakers were assisted in the development of their abilities and skills as managers in the selection and buying, care and preparation of food. Clothing emphasis was on buttonholes, hemming, selection and fitting of commercial patterns, correct sizing, clothing selection and sewing on new fabrics. Much interest was developed in the Human Relations and Child Development programs.

The potential is high for the organization of young homemakers groups in nearly all sections of the county. The Cooperative Extension Service programs, **The Home Demonstration Club of the Air,** on the educational television Channel 11, University of New Hampshire, are beginning to reach these young mothers and working women.

Respectfully, submitted,
RUTH. S. HAM
Home Demonstration Agent

REPORT OF THE COUNTY FORESTER

Strafford County — 1959

Strafford County is experiencing changes in land use. The full-time farms are becoming fewer and larger in land area. Many of the smaller farms are becoming part-time farms; others are being purchased for year-round residences by urban workers or by non-residents as summer homes. The urban worker and the non-resident need only small acreage of field land for home gardens, lawns and, in some instances, areas to pasture animals such as saddle horses which are used for recreational purposes. Because of the change of land use, many fields are being abandoned in the county and are reverting to woodlands. This change has been reflected by an increase in the planting.

In 1958 there were approximately 90,000 trees planted by forty (40) landowners—75,000 of these trees were planted in abandoned fields. In 1959 161,450 trees were planted by fifty-four (54) landowners and approximately 140,000 of these trees were planted in abandoned fields. The other areas planted were already in woodlands and included old burns and cutover areas.

The County Forester assisted the landowners in selecting species of trees that were adapted to soils, future markets and future objectives of the landowners.

As in previous years, the County Forester has had excellent cooperation from public and private organizations involved in promoting and carrying on forestry practices in the area.

During 1959 the trend of landowners to do more stand improvement work in their immature forest stands continued. This work included weeding out undesirable forest trees, pruning of white pine trees four to ten inches in diameter to increase the quality of the future lumber from these trees, and the thinning of stands of white pine and other desirable forest trees that are too crowded to grow rapidly. The development of techniques of using chemicals to remove the undesirable trees of non-commercial value has greatly speeded this work. The County Forester finds that more and more of his time is spent in acquainting landowners with techniques of stand improvement work and selecting areas on their forest holdings which need this type of work.

During 1959 the County Forester divided his time equally between Strafford and Belknap counties. The increase of requests from landowners for assistance under the County Forestry Program during the past two years created a large backlog of requests and, in November and December 1959, Strafford County, through the Cooperative Extension Service, employed a part-time forester to work with the County Forester on servicing as many of these requests as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger S. Leighton
County Forester

REPORT OF 4-H CLUB WORK
Strafford County — 1959

The 4-H is a national organization from which various phases have been adopted by approximately 50 foreign countries. The four "Hs" are head, heart, hands and health and it is around these "H's" that the 4-H program is developed. The 4-H program is aimed at developing better citizens and the project is the tool through which this objective is realized. In New Hampshire there are thirty-five projects offered to the urban and rural youth.

The Strafford County program has two full-time paid personnel—Warren A. Hall, County Club Agent, and Mrs. Richard McLaughlin, Associate 4-H Club Agent. The county program would be impossible if it were not for the 132 volunteer 4-H leaders, junior leaders and advisors. The leaders take responsibility for club organization and project leadership. The average club has twenty-seven club and project meetings a year.

In addition to the local activities, which are 4-H Winter Carnival, Window Display Contest, Talent Show, Tractor School, Dairy Judging, Egg Judging, Dress Review, Demonstration Contest, Rochester Fair Exhibits, County Round-up, 4-H Camp and tours.

During 1959, Brad Leavitt and Robert Omand, both of Strafford, and Jayne Boynton of Durham were State 4-H Contest winners. Many more outstanding 4-H members could be mentioned, but the space is limited.

To assure continued growth of the Strafford County 4-H Program, more adult club leaders and

project leaders are needed. The success of the program rests upon the shoulders of the average citizen. This means all of us, rather than a few loyal club leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren A. Hall,
4-H Club Agent

Winnifred D. McLaughlin,
Associate 4-H Club Agent.